

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) as set forth below.

1. Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 5, lines 17-23, as follows:

Fig. 1 is a partial perspective and exploded view of an illustrative embodiment of a landscaping channel liner;

Fig. 2 is ~~an end~~ a cross-sectional view of the landscaping channel liner taken along lines 11-11 of Fig. 1 with landscaping material located therein placed in the ground and in use by being filled with rocks;

Fig. 3 is a partial side view of the landscaping channel liner of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is ~~ana~~ a partial exploded perspective view of a first and second landscaping channel liner;

2. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 25, and ending on page 8, line 3, as follows:

An exploded view of a plurality of channel liners 2 and 2' is shown in Fig. 4. A utility of channel liner 2 is its ability to connect with additional channel liners to produce a liner of any desired length. Accordingly, a first channel liner 2 couples with a second channel liner 2' via connectors 38 and 44 which are received in openings 18 and 20 at end 10 of liner 2, and openings 22' and 24' at end 12' of channel liner 2'. Because coupling end 10 of channel liner 2 with end 12' of channel liner 2' can be repeated any number of times, a resulting channel liner of indefinite length can be achieved.

3. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 5, as follows:

Also shown in Fig. 4 are spikes 46 and 48. Illustratively, spikes 46 and 48 can be driven through side walls 6 and 8 at 47 and 49, respectively, to assist in anchoring channel

liner 2 into ground 34. (See, also, Fig. 6.) By positioning spikes 46 and 48 into the ground 34 illustratively askew, yet non-perpendicular to the ground surface 36, more surface area of the spikes serve to anchor the channel liner 2 in place. It is appreciated that any number of spikes can be used on the channel liner 2, and their position relative to liner 2 can vary.

4. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, lines 13-26, as follows:

A side, partially cut-away and cross-sectional view of coupled first and second channel liners 2 and 2' is shown in Fig. 5. It is contemplated herein for this illustrative embodiment that a portion of floor 4 and side walls 6 and 8 at end 12 of first channel liner 2 receive corresponding floor 4' and side wall portions 6' and 8' of end 10' of second channel liner 2'. Though channel liners 2 and 2' illustratively maintain a uniform cross-section, they can be made of a flexible material. This allows a portion of one end, including floor and side wall sections of the first channel liner, to fit within a portion of the corresponding floor and side walls of the opposite end of the second channel liner. This is accomplished without causing deleterious deformation of the portion of the second channel liner that is fitted within the first channel liner. It is appreciated that, in this illustrative embodiment, either floor 4 and side walls 6 and 8 of end 12 can be fitted within floor 4 and side walls 6 and 8 of end 10, or, conversely, floor 4 and side walls 6 and 8 of end 10 can be fitted within the walls or the floor 4 and side walls 6 and 8 of end 12. The material of channel liners 2 and 2' makes the liner flexible enough so that openings 18 and 20 of channel liner 2 can be aligned with corresponding openings 22' and 24' of channel liner 2'. (See, also, Fig. 4.) This allows mating of openings 22' and 24' of channel liner 2' with receptacles 14 and 16, respectively, of channel liner 2.

5. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8 and ending on page 9, line 6 as follows:

An end view of an illustrative landscaping channel liner 2 located in a trench 32 with a spike 46 disposed there through is shown in Fig. 6. In this illustrative embodiment, spike

46 and 48 are disposed through walls 6 and 8, respectively, and into ground 34 at an angle 51. (See, also, Fig. 3.) With the spikes being disposed through the side walls 6 and 8, as opposed to the floor 4, they can provide an anchor for preventing channel liner 2 from migrating upward out of the trench 32. In this illustrative embodiment, a hammer 50 or similar device can be used to drive spikes 46 and 48 through the side walls and into the ground 34.